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CASTLE RIDGE MORTUARY A Family-Owned Business

San Antonio, TX – Castle Ridge Mortuary was built in 1999, but contributing to the community was something Mr. Ricardo Sanchez had in mind. His caring manner and giving desire stem from his childhood. Born and raised in Crystal City, Mr. Sanchez' family all ways giving, even when they had little to give.

Ricardo Sanchez graduated from San Antonio College in 1995 with a degree in mortuary science. He was hired by Trevino Funeral Home to serve his 12-month apprenticeship. He became fully licensed and was promoted to Funeral Director and Embalmer.

In 1996, Mr. Sanchez saw a parcel of land across from the Resurrection of The Lord Catholic Church and immediately began planning for his future business, Castle Ridge Mortuary. Mr. Sanchez sought the assistance of The University of Austin at San Antonio – Small Business Development Center for guidance. With his years of education and experience in the business, and the assistance of the SBDC, Mr. Sanchez developed a business plan outlining his dream. But before moving forward, in his giving

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manner, Mr. Sanchez donated 2 of 11 acres of land for a new branch of the San Antonio .

Mr. Sanchez also sought the financial assistance of The U.S. Small Business Administration. With SBA's assistance, he was able to build Castle Ridge Mortuary from the ground up. The funeral home now serves the West Side of San Antonio with traditional services, cremation, and grave-site services. It also houses an on-site flower shop, three viewing rooms, and seats approximately 360 people.

It has been less than 5 years since Mr. Sanchez opened Castle Ridge Mortuary, but he is all ready preparing to expand in order to better serve the community where he resides. Mr. Sanchez plans on using the SBA loan guaranty once again for his expansion.

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